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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in response to the F & D Administration's request for comments from the public on reducing egg borne diseases due to the illnesses and deaths caused by contaminated eggs.

In April 1998 your administration was petitioned to ban forced molting. Without any more delay, I feel this petition should be granted. Having the jurisdiction to ban farm practices, you could prevent further injuries to our human health. Bacteria warning labels placed on egg cartons and regulating temperatures of refrigeration does not stop the destruction of hen's immune systems, that is brought on by forced molting. More needs to be done. You have the power to prevent the infectious diseases that are in hens and in eggs, and, maybe most important, in the consumers of those hens and the consumers of those eggs.

Sincerely,
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